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## NEWS RELEASES

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REPORT NO. CI 98-20 - COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION ACTION - FCC CLOSES AN UNLICENSED RADIO STATION. The FCC, in conjunction with the U.S. Marshal's Service and the United States Attorney's Office, seized radio transmission equipment used in the operation of an unlicensed FM radio station in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 28, 1998.. News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. CIB Contact: Pamela Hairston at (202) 418-1160; TTY: (888) 835-5322. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News\\_Releases/1998/nrci8024.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News_Releases/1998/nrci8024.wp)

REPORT NO. CI 98-21 - COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION ACTION - FCC SHUTS DOWN FOUR HF PIRATE RADIO STATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS, ILLINOIS, TEXAS, AND CALIFORNIA. Richard D. Lee, Chief of the FCC Compliance and Information Bureau announced the location and shut-down of four high frequency (HF) unauthorized radio broadcasting stations.. News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. CIB Contact: Riley Hollingsworth at (971) 338-2502; TTY: (888) 835-5322. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News\\_Releases/1998/nrci8025.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News_Releases/1998/nrci8025.wp)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Released: November 9, 1998. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG - NOVEMBER 6. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt110698.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt110698.pdf)

Released: November 9, 1998. THE OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY WILL SPONSOR A TUTORIAL ON "INTERNET INTEROPERABILITY WITH THE PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK" ON DECEMBER 11, 1998, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM AT 9 AM, CHRISTIAN HUITEMA FROM BELLCORE WILL BE THE PRESENTER. Contact: Jack Linthicum at (202) 418-2441. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering\\_Technology/Public\\_Notices/1998/pnet8022.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Public_Notices/1998/pnet8022.wp)

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## TEXTS

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GREATER WORCESTER CABLEVISION, INC. Granted petition filed by Greater Worcester Cablevision, Inc., et al., seeking special relief to modify the Boston, Massachusetts ADI to exclude Television Broadcast Station WBPX (Channel 46), Norwell, Massachusetts, from carriage on its cable systems serving various communities in the Boston area. Rescinded grant of WBPX's must-carry complaint against Greater Media Cable. Dismissed as moot, petition for reconsideration filed by Greater Media Cable of Worcester. Action by Acting Chief, Consumer

Protection and Competition Division. Adopted: November 6, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-2262). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da982262.wp>

**ADDENDA: The following items, released November 6, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 215:**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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Released: November 6, 1998. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL REPORT CONCERNING TELEPHONE NUMBER POOLING AND OTHER OPTIMIZATION MEASURES. On October 21, 1998, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) submitted a report to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau entitled "Number Resource Optimization Working Group Modified Report to the North American Numbering Council on Number Optimization Methods" on telephone number pooling and numerous other strategies for optimizing the use of telephone numbers in the North American Numbering Plan in the United States. The Commission is soliciting comments on the NANC Report. Comments due December 21. (DA No. 98-2265). Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982265.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da982265.wp)

Released: November 6, 1998. ERRATUM - IN THE MATTER OF - BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. F.C.C. TARIFF NO. 1 FOR PROVISION OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY DATABASE SERVICES, CC DOCKET NO. 98-199, TRANSMITTAL NO. 482. Corrected DA number from 98-0310 to 98-2239.

Released: November 6, 1998. INCORPORATION OF TARIFF REVISIONS INTO DOCKET INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO THE PROVISION OF LONG-TERM NUMBER PORTABILITY QUERY AND DATABASE SERVICES CC DOCKET NO. 98-199. (DA No. 98-2264). Contact: Rhonda Lien at (202) 418-1530.

Released: November 6, 1998. POLICY AND RULES CONCERNING THE INTERSTATE, INTEREXCHANGE MARKETPLACE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 254(G) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED - CC DOCKET NO. 96-61 - PROCEEDING RECLASSIFIED AS PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE FOR EX PARTE PURPOSES. (DA No. 98-2260). Contact: Douglas Slotten at (202) 418-1572; TTY: (202) 418-0484.

Released: November 6, 1998. "PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE" EX PARTE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED BY VA. CORPORATION CMMISSION. AGAINST MCI (FILE E-99-01) AND CONTINUED BOTH FOR APRIL 3, 1998, MCI PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING AND JULY 17, 1998, REFERRAL OF CERTAIN ISSUES.- REGARDING LAWFULNESS OF ITS UNIVERSAL SERVICE CHARGE METHODOLOGY UNDER COMMISSION ORDERS AND THE ACT (DOCKET NO. 96-45) TO THE FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD REGARDING UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT MECHANISMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 254 OF THE ACT (DOCKET NO. 96-45). (DA No. 98-2261). Contact: Gerald Chakerian , Enforcement Division at (202) 418-0960. Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982261.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da982261.wp)

Report No: 1207. Released: November 6, 1998. CABLE TV SERVICE REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND OTHER FILINGS.

Report No: 44363. Released: November 6, 1998. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Actions/ac981106.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac981106.txt)

Report No: 24363. Released: November 6, 1998. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/Brdcst\\_Applications/ap981106.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap981106.txt)

Released: November 6, 1998. PETITION FOR RULEMAKING - USA DIGITAL RADIO PARTNERS, L.P. (DA No. 98-2244). Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/da982244.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/da982244.html)

Released: November 6, 1998. COMMERCIAL WIRELESS DIVISION APPROVES SETTLEMENTS BETWEEN MCELROY ELECTRONICS CORP. AND NEIGHBORING LICENSES. (DA No. 98-2263). Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982263.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982263.wp)

Released: November 6, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU DISMISSES C.H. PCS, INC. APPLICATIONS FOR AUCTION EVENT NO. 5. (DA No. 98-2270). Contact: Cheryl Kornegay, Commercial Wireless Division at (202) 418-7240. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982270.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982270.wp)

Report No: AUC-20-C. Released: November 6, 1998. AUCTION OF 156-162 MHZ VHF PUBLIC COAST STATION LICENSES - STATUS OF APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION - BUREAU REMINDS BIDDERS OF RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER NEPA PROVISIONS. (DA No. 98-2248). Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982248.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982248.wp)

Released: November 6, 1998. FCC ANNOUNCES THE CONDITIONAL GRANT OF 3 LOCAL MULTIPONT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE LICENSES. (DA No. 98-2249). Contact: Bob James or James Moskowitz (FCC Form 601 Questions), Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0680; Linwood Jenkins (Payment, FCC Form 159 and Refund Quetstions), OMD, at (202) 418-1995. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982249.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982249.wp)

Released: November 6, 1998. LOCAL MULTIPONT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE SPECTRUM RE-AUCTION OF 168 LICENSES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27, 1999; APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE SET FOR MARCH 29, 1999 - COMMENT SOUGHT ON RESERVE PRICES OR MINIMUM OPENING BIDS AND OTHER AUCTION PROCEDURES. The Wireless Telecommunication sBureau announces the reauction of 168 Local Multipoint Distribution Service licenses set to begin on April 27, 1999. These licenses either received no bids in the original LMDS auction that closed on March 25, 1998, or are defaulted licenses which are available for reauction. The Balanced Budget Act o f 1997 calls upon the Commission to prescribe methods by which a reasonable reserve price will be required or a minimum opening bid established when FCC licenses are subject to auction, unless the Commission determines that a reserve price or minimum bid is not in the public interest. The Commission has directed the Bureau to seek comment on the use of a minimum opening bid and/or reserve price prior to the start of each auction. The Commission is also seeking comment on other auction procedures. Comments due November 30; replies December 7. (DA No. 98-2266). Contact: Christina Clearwater, Arthur Lechtman, or Tim Salmon, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division at (202) 418-0660; Kathy Garland at (717) 338-2801.. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1998/da982266.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1998/da982266.wp)

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WHITEFISH, MONTANA. Effective December 21, 1998, amended FM Table to allot Channel 286A at Whitefish, Montana, as that community's first local broadcast service. Terminated proceeding. Dkt No.: MM- 98-124. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: October 28, 1998. by R&O. (DA No. 98-2233). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1998/da982233.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da982233.wp)

STEVENVILLE, MONTANA. Effective December 21, 1998, amended FM Table to allot Channel 283A at Stevensville, Montana, as that community's first local broadcast service. Terminated proceeding. Dkt No.: MM- 98-115. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: October

28, 1998. by R&O. (DA No. 98-2234). MMB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1998/da982234.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da982234.wp)

SIBLEY, IOWA, AND BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA. Effective December 23, 1998, amended FM Table to allot Channel 261A to Brandon, South Dakota, as the first local broadcast service. Terminated proceeding. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: October 28, 1998. by R&O. (DA No. 98-2251). MMB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1998/da982251.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da982251.wp)

EAST BREWTON, ALABAMA AND NAVARRE, FLORIDA. Denied 550-AM's, permittee of Station WGCX, Channel 239A, East Brewton, Alabama, Petition for Rulemaking proposing to: 1) substitute Channel 239C3 for Channel 239A, at East Brewton, Alabama; 2) reallocate Channel 239C3 to Navarre, Florida; and 3) modify WGCX's authorization accordingly. Terminated proceeding. Dkt No.: MM- 97-233. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: October 28, 1998. by R&O. (DA No. 98-2243). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1998/da982243.wp](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1998/da982243.wp)